

DISTINCTIVE
AMERICAS



Classic Argentina

17-days / 16-nights

Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
	Day 01		Depart Heathrow	-		
1	Day 02	BUENOS AIRES	Transfer to the hotel	B	Mine Boutique Hotel	3
	Day 03		Half day city tour	B		
	Day 04		Day at leisure, evening dinner & Tango show	B		
2	Day 05	SAN ANTONIO DE AERCO	Transfer to San Antonio de Areco	B	El Ombu de Areco	2
	Day 06		Day at leisure	B		
3	Day 07	EL CALAFATE	Transfer to El Calafate	B	Posada Los Alamos	3
	Day 08		Full day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier	B		
	Day 09		Full day All Glacier tour	B		
4	Day 10	SALTA	Transfer to Salta	B	Hotel Solar de la Plaza	3
	Day 11		Full day tour of Quebrada de Humahuaca	B		
	Day 12		Full day tour of the vineyards of Cafayate	B		
5	Day 13	IGUAZÚ FALLS	Transfer to Iguazú Falls	B	Loi Suites Iguazú	3
	Day 14		Full day tour of the Argentine side of the falls	B		
	Day 15		Full day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls	B		
	Day 16	DEPART	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 17	HEATHROW	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	



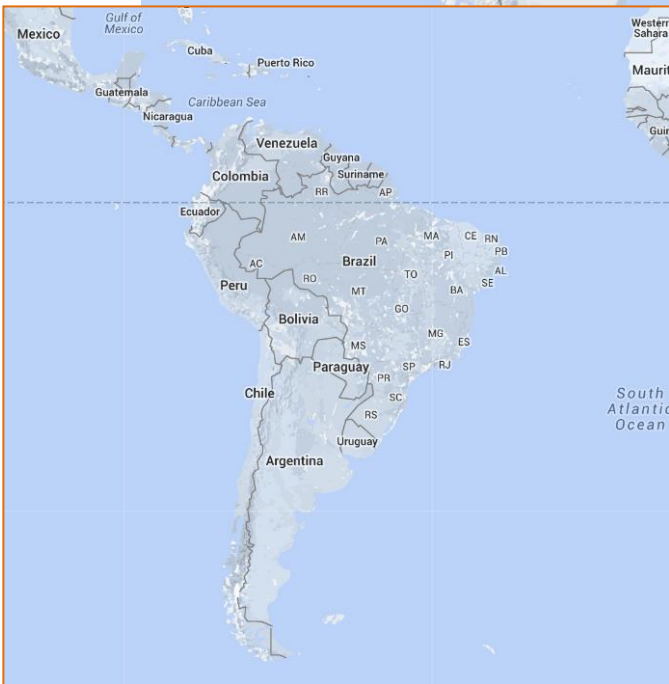


Itinerary Maps



ARGENTINA

- 1. Buenos Aires**
- 2. San Antonio de Aereo**
- 3. El Calafate**
- 4. Salta**
- 5. Iguazú Falls**



Please Note:

Click on the underlined place names in the key above to be taken directly to the corresponding part of the itinerary

Detailed Itinerary



Day 01 HEATHROW - MADRID

Depart Heathrow flying with Iberia.



IB3173 Economy Dep: Heathrow T5 19:20

Arr: Madrid T4s 22:55



Day 02 MADRID - BUENOS AIRES



IB6841 Economy Dep: Madrid T4s 00:30

Arr: Buenos Aires Intl. 08:10

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Mine Boutique Hotel



1 x Classic Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

A lovely property, the Mine Boutique Hotel is located in the Palermo Soho neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, which is well known as the city's arts and fashion district, and is home to a wide range of writers, musicians and artists. Nearby attractions include San Telmo, Plaza de Mayo and the Santa Fe Avenue shopping centres. Amenities featured in the guestrooms include DVD players, air conditioning and coffee/tea. The hotel also has an outdoor swimming pool.



Day 03 BUENOS AIRES



Private half day city tour

Cosmopolitan and vibrant, Buenos Aires is a modern capital city with a distinctly European feel. San Telmo has a quaint faded appeal with cobbled streets which really come alive on Sundays when the weekly antiques market is held. The area of La Boca, established by Italian immigrants, is well worth a visit to see the colourful buildings. Synonymous with Argentina, Eva Peron's final resting place can be seen amongst the grand and ornate surroundings of the Recoleta Cemetery.





Day 04 BUENOS AIRES

Day at leisure to explore Buenos Aires.



Shared evening excursion to Dinner & Tango show at Esquina Carlos Gardel

Named after the greatest tango singer of all, the 'Esquina Carlos Gardel' is located on the site of the 'Chanta Cuastro' restaurant where Gardel used to meet friends in the 1920s and '30s to eat, drink and sing late into the night, and is acknowledged as the city's premier Dinner & Tango Show. The superb food and service, together with the stylish art nouveau interior, recreate the sophisticated and luxurious atmosphere of that era. The show is a spectacular mix of live tango music, singing and dancing and features some of the most talented performers in Buenos Aires.



Day 05 BUENOS AIRES - SAN ANTONIO DE ARECO

Private transfer to San Antonio de Areco and your hotel.

El Ombú de Areco



1 x Standard Room on a Full Board basis for 2-nights

Located 20km outside the famous Gaucho town of San Antonio de Areco. El Ombú is a wonderful old colonial estancia which provides a rustic and peaceful place to enjoy the Argentine pampas. It offers nine spacious bedrooms. What the hotel lacks in modern conveniences it more than makes up for in atmosphere and charm. The surrounding ranch land, with its natural lagoons and small water courses offers a rich habitat to many of Argentina's 1000 bird species. Fine foods and wines are served both in the dining room and outside in the shade of the Ombú where you can enjoy an Argentine barbecue or 'asado' of free range beef raised on the estancia.

A working cattle ranch. El Ombú does not stage gaucho shows but guests are welcome to observe and take part in the various stock-rearing activities as they happen on the ranch. You can also explore the 300-hectare estancia on foot or accompanied by seasoned gauchos, or on one of the 38 horses that are part of the working drove. Horse drawn carriages are also available and for birdwatchers binoculars and guide books are provided.



Day 06 SAN ANTONIO DE ARECO

Day at leisure.



Day 07 SAN ANTONIO DE ARECO - BUENOS AIRES - EL CALAFATE

Private transfer to Buenos Aires Domestic Airport for your onward flight with LAN.



LA4430 Economy Dep: Buenos Aires Domestic 15:20 Arr: El Calafate 18:45

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Posada Los Álamos



1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Located a few blocks away from the centre of town, the Posada Los Alamos is El Calafate's best hotel. The hotel has 144 rooms with beautiful views of the gardens and the Andes. All rooms feature LCD TVs with cable channels, CD players and minibars and there is complementary wireless high-speed internet access. There is also a small golf course, spa, indoor pool and steam room at the hotel and for those looking for a more active stay there is a fitness centre on site and fantastic walking nearby. Posada Los Álamos offers guests multiple dining options at the restaurant, café and bar/lounge and prides itself on its delicious traditional dishes.





Day 08 EL CALAFATE



Shared full day excursion to the Perito Moreno Glacier

A two hour drive from El Calafate takes you to the Perito Moreno Glacier, considered by many to be the most beautiful glacier in the world. Wonder at the spectacle that is the 180 foot high, 3 mile wide and 20 mile long mass of ice. Certainly one of the most spectacular natural wonders in South America, the brilliant white glacier is slowly retreating and you will not have to wait for long before a large chunk of ice breaks away and crashes into the lake below. You will walk along the paths located in front of the glacier's western wall, allowing you to view this natural wonder from a variety of different viewpoints.





Day 09 EL CALAFATE



Shared full day shared All Glacier Navigation

A scenic boat ride amongst the icebergs on Lago Argentina. The tour begins from Punta Banderas and sails along its north arm to arrive at the massive Upsala glacier, one of the largest in South America. You will be greeted with breath-taking vistas as the crystal blue ice meets vast blue skies and Argentine mountains tower in the background. You will then sail on to Onelli Bay which is scattered with magical blue icebergs whose intensity varies with age.





Day 10 EL CALAFATE - SALTA

Private transfer to the airport for your onward flight with LAN.



LA4438 Economy Dep: El Calafate 11:10

Arr: Buenos Aires Domestic 14:08

Collect luggage and check-in for your onward flight with LAN.



LA4134 Economy Dep: Buenos Aires Domestic 17:10

Arr: Salta 19:30

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Hotel Solar de la Plaza



1 x Deluxe Junior Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

In the heart of Salta, this delightful colonial style hotel has 30 rooms all decorated with typical regional crafts yet featuring all the modern amenities you'd expect in a modern hotel. On the rooftop there is a gym, sauna and a pleasant swimming pool with panoramic views of the city and the mountains beyond.



Day 11 SALTA



Shared full day tour of Quebrada de Humahuaca

The Quebrada de Humahuaca is a mountain valley that has been in use as a cultural route between the Andean highlands and the plains for over 11,000 years. The valley, carved out by the Rio Grande, is ca. 150 km. long. Numerous tracks, roads and settlements testify to the civilizations that once lived here: hunter-gatherers, indigenous Omaguacas, Inca, Spanish and the Argentine Republic. Due to its strategic position it has been colonized by both the Inca and the Spanish, who were after the trade, minerals and agricultural products. It also has been a stage for many battles of the Argentine War of Independence.



Day 12 SALTA



Shared full day excursion to the vineyards around Cafayate

Offering some of the most breath-taking landscapes in Argentina, Cafayate is located in the Calchaqui Valleys, surrounded by vineyards with beautiful views of Tres Cruces and the Morales Hills. Walking its streets, you can see Colonial and Baroque style houses which date back to the 19th century. Famous worldwide for its Torrontes wine, you will taste this excellent regional wine and visit some of its local wine cellars such as La Rosa and El Recreo, among others.



Day 13 SALTA - IGUAZÚ FALLS

Private transfer to the airport for your onward flight with Aerolíneas Argentinas.



AR2816 Economy Dep: Salta 18:20 Arr: Puerto Iguazú 20:10

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Loi Suites Iguazú



1 x Studio Junior Room on a Bed & Breakfast bass for 3 nights

Loi Suites Iguazu is located in the jungle of Iryapu, just 15 minutes from Iguazú Falls and 17km from Puerto Iguazú Airport. The 162 guestrooms are stylish and contemporary with bold colours and modern amenities. Balconies offer magnificent jungle views. The hotel facilities include an exclusive spa, swimming pool, gym and a deck leading down to the river. The Tiki Bar next to the pool is perfect for grabbing a light lunch with regional flavours and the Restaurant Naipi serves a range of delicious local and international gourmet dishes.



Day 14 IGUAZÚ FALLS



Shared full day tour of the Argentine side of the falls

Flowing between the Argentine and Brazilian border and surrounded by lush tropical rainforest, there are a total of 275 falls that thunder down into the mighty Iguazú River. On the Argentine side there are a number of pathways that take you up, under and often right next to many of the biggest falls. Over on the Brazilian side you are rewarded with a fantastic panorama of the falls. Early morning and late evening are particularly spectacular, tourist numbers are lower and the sky is filled with toucans and parrots returning home to roost. The surrounding national park is also well worth exploring, wander along the forest floor to see beautiful butterflies and a host of tropical birds.







Day 15 IGUAZÚ FALLS



Shared half day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls

The trip begins at the Iguazú National Park with a drive through the lush, subtropical vegetation of the park en route to the falls. Take a stroll on the trail that descends down the canyon, to offer panoramic views of more than 240 falls. Embark on the glass elevator up the cliff face for an exquisite view from the upper deck. The Iguazú National Park along with its 'sister' park in Argentina form the most significant remaining rainforest in the southern cone of South America which along with the waterfalls, have been declared a National Heritage Site by UNESCO. You may end the tour with a visit to the artisans fair.



Day 16 IGUAZÚ FALLS - SAO PAULO - OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Private transfer to Foz do Iguazu Airport to meet your return flights with Iberia.



IB7373	Economy	Dep: Foz Do Iguazu 14:35	Arr: Sao Paulo Intl 16:25
IB6820	Economy	Dep: Sao Paulo 19:05	Arr: Madrid T4s 10:25 (Day 17)



Day 17 MADRID - HEATHROW



IB7444	Economy	Dep: Madrid T4s 12:05	Arr: Heathrow 13:30
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Arrive back in the UK.



Holiday Cost

from £3,895.00 per person

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

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